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International application No.

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| 1. | | n regard to the language, this report is based on the internation cated under this item. | al application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise | | | | | | |
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| | | international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)) | | | | | | | |
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| | | international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3) | | | | | | | |
| 2. | recei | With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report): | | | | | | | |
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| Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement | | | | | | | |
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| 1. | Statement | | | | | | |
| | Novelty (N) | Claims | 1, | 4, | 5, | 9-14 | YES |
| | | Claims | | | | | NO |
| | Inventive step (IS) | Claims | 1, | 4, | 5, | 9-14 | YES |
| | | Claims | | | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | NO NO |
| | Industrial applicability (| IA) Claims | 1, | 4, | 5, | 9-14 | YES |
| | | Claims | | | | | NO NO |

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1, 4, 5 and 9 to 14

The inventions that are set forth in claims 1, 4, 5 and 9 to 14, and particularly the feature of including an inorganic semiconductor material that is configured from an ambipolar group II-IV compound, which is disposed so as to be in barrier-free contact with both the positive electrode and the negative electrode, are not disclosed in any of the documents that are cited in the international search report, and would not have been obvious to a person skilled in the art.